GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM PROJECTS .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has received requests for financial assistance from various State Governments for development, promotion and marketing of tribal areas and cultural tourism projects during the current year;

(b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) The action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. The Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance to States/UTs for development of tourism infrastructure, including tribal areas and cultural tourism projects. The tourism projects for central financial assistance are identified and prioritized in consultation with the State/UT Governments. The promotion and marketing of India's tourism products including tribal areas and cultural tourism projects are done through a worldwide central campaign in electronic and print media and also through the various promotional activities of the India Tourism offices abroad.

(b) & (c): The tourism projects prioritized in consultation with the State/UT Governments for implementation during the current financial year is at Annexure-I. During the current financial year, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.6142.29 lakh and released Rs.4903.84 lakh in favour of State/UT Governments for various tourism projects as given in Annexure-II.